

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

The report of the legislative committee investigating the Tennessee Industrial School clearly points out matters that require immediate action for the benefit of this institution, and recommends as a remedy the immediate appropriation of \$10,000 to furnish badly needed equipment and supplies and to make necessary repairs on the buildings, the need for which is clearly and convincingly shown in the report. While the conditions disclosed by the committee are not pleasant to contemplate the state is to be congratulated on the fact that those conditions are solely the result of lack of funds for proper maintenance, and in no wise reflects on the present management of the school.

An institution so meritorious in its purposes and so successful in results as this school has proven to be should promptly receive the modest sum required for the pressing needs recited in the report. The Tennessee Industrial School has performed a great and noble work in the state, and it is more over a monument to its original founder and a great philanthropic citizen who devoted so many years of his life to the service of humanity as the head of this institution. The great work inaugurated by these men should not be allowed to falter or be impeded for lack of adequate support or parsimony.

Money spent in support of such an institution is not an expense, in the usual acceptance of that term, but it is really a fine and profitable investment on the part of the state. Money appropriated to support such an institution is not an expense, nor is it charity, in the common acceptance of those terms, but it is really a fine and profitable investment on the part of the state, and yields the state a handsome economic return for every dollar reasonably appropriated and properly expended to maintain this school and prepare its pupils for a proper discharge of the duties of citizenship.—Tennessean.

READY FOR BUSINESS

The war finance corporation is ready to do business again.

With its doors open for more than a week the corporation is not swamped with applications for loans.

And there is a reason. Those who can obtain loans from the corporation are for most part satisfied with their present banking arrangements, while those who thought that the war finance corporation would be a sort of international.

"Lady Bountiful" have awakened from their dreams.

The war finance corporation was revived over the veto of President Wilson, ostensibly as a relief measure for the farmers.

The farmers are becoming reconciled to the fact that they have been buncoed again. They have found out that the corporation has no money to lend to them.

The only persons who are welcomed by the cashier of the war finance corporation are men who can establish their standing as business men, who can qualify as experts upon exporting and foreign markets and who can prove that they cannot obtain a loan from their local banks at reasonable rates of interest.

If stands to reason that a man who can meet these requirements

will not waste the time to unravel the red tape of a government organization when he can make satisfactory arrangements at home.

The war finance corporation, if it adheres to its regulations, will write finis to the hopes of, numerous shoestring exporters, but that is about as far as its usefulness will go.

Fooling the farmer is the favorite pastime of the present republican congress. It's a great game if you don't get caught.—Tennessean.

THE ANTI-FEE BILL

The anti-fee bill that has been introduced in the present legislature fixes ample salaries for the county officials, whom it is proposed to separate from the plethora fees they have been accustomed to collect.

In a county of more than 200,000 population the clerk and master of the chancery court is to receive \$5,000, compared to the \$3,600 paid the chancellor who appoints him. The county court clerks and trustees and sheriffs \$6,000 each, two thousand dollars more than the governor's salary. The circuit court clerk is to get \$4,000, more than the salary of circuit judge, and the county register, who copies deeds mortgages, etc. into the public records, \$4,000.

No sane man doubts that capable men can be had for such places at salaries like these. It has been estimated that the pay from fees amounts annually all the way from \$25,000 to \$49,000 a year.

The fee system is clearly an enormity that no sane people should permit to continue to exist, and the legislature is expected to give prompt passage to the bill.

Of course, there have been and are still good men in county offices who have had the benefit of these fees, but that does not alter the fact that the system is vicious. The facts do not permit of argument to the contrary. It is most remarkable that it has been so long suffered to endure.

The salaries that the proposed new law allows are ample. Men capable and trustworthy will be willing to serve for these salaries. They will not have much to spend on ward heelers and the like in the campaigns or in maintaining a machine to secure re-election. but the counties they serve will have no reason for rational complaint on that score.

No one can give an argument that has the semblance of reason why the fee system should be continued. The reason why county officials should be put on salaries and the fees turned into the public treasury are strong and abundant. It is clearly the duty of the legislature to abolish the system.—Nashville Banner.

The Nashville Banner says: Twenty thousand nominations made by President Wilson are being held up by the senate to give Mr. Harding a chance to fill the offices with republicans. One of those nominations is that of our own Finis Garrett to be federal judge. Offensive partisanship sometime reaches the point where it stinks.

The society girl who smokes cigarettes, and we understand this is growing to be quite a fad, may have some trouble in striking a match on the seat of her pants as her male companion does, yet her dress is short enough, at the bottom, to not interfere with her lighting her foot and igniting the match from the bottom of her shoe.

President-elect Harding is fishing in the Florida waters. Newspaper reporters say he is making some fine catches. He would no doubt be delighted to know that he would be successful in landing big men for his cabinet as he is in supplementing the larder of the houseboat Victoria with fine fish of his own taking.

No Time to Stop Learning.

A man should always keep learning something—"always," as Arnold said, "keep the stream running"—whereas most people let it stagnate about middle life.

Some cruel newspaper writers are asking if "Old Limber" is a Mr. or Mrs. Gov. Taylor might answer the question as a little boy did one of the lady members of the local postoffice force when admiring a little pup he was carrying in his arms, asked what kind of a dog did he have, referring to its breed, of course, the boy modestly and very innocently said "a little girl dog."

Over in Kentucky, where the republicans have a chance, they are going to gerrymander the state so as to throw out several democratic congressmen. Yet if our democratic legislature attempts anything of the kind for Tennessee it is called offensive partisanship.—Nashville Banner.

The Democrat is not long on reporting society doings. The stock of phraseology necessary to make clear the doings of the present day society is most baffling to the comprehension of a mere man, and we are simply a mere man.

President-elect Harding a few days ago said he was a partisan and that he was going to have a partisan cabinet. That is no news to those who read and think.

There is a great deal of difference between patriotism and partisanship. It is, however, hard for some people to learn the distinction.

We hope the present legislators will cut off "the run away" feature and save to the state the cost of such patriotic stunts.

Come on boys and let's pay our taxes so the city dads will have money to pay for work when a good time to work comes.

With a nation more than a million homes behind the demand, the rent profiteer is not doing any immediate worrying.

The best some men hope to do is to discover their mistakes before they fail instead of avoiding them to succeed.

The disease would soon be cured if every automobile driver who starts out to break a record also broke a leg.

Love men and they will love you. Its persuasion is itself, even as the violin voices the soul of the master.

Life does not lose its zest for some women until they have found out what they can about their neighbors.

There is a difference between the art of talking and the habit of talking back. Most women have the latter.

When a man tells you he is full of ideas it is a safe guess that not many of them have commercial value.

It flatters a man to call him a hard-headed business man, but it starts trouble to call him a bone-head.

Who would have thought that the much sought substitute for the saloon would be found in the cellar?

All men must love money. Some men are willing to work for it, but all men must have money.

When Huntingdon strikes oil—well, what we will do then will be reported as it is done.

Prussia is still paying a salary to the former kaiser—to induce him to stay away, perhaps.

When some men and women marry they find that they are overstocked with dispositions.

That man is regal who can control his appetite, his passions, his tongue and his temper.

Lots of fellows call it bad luck when they have only taken off a bite too big for them.

Beef is down on the hoof, but very few of our retail dealers sell the hoof.

Lead some soul into the larger life—where you must first abide.

OUR BIRTH RATE IS NORMAL

Census Bureau Statistics Show That Births Exceed Deaths by About One-Third.

The census bureau, on the strength of registered returns, gives figures to show that the birth rate in the United States exceeds the death rate by one-third, which is a gratifying fact. We are not one of the nations that need be anxious on this vital point as far as present conditions are concerned. One of the most serious troubles in France is the warning in its censuses that in some years more of its inhabitants die than are born. Some of its neighbors grow much faster in population. This disparity was somewhat noticed in the past, yet without fully realizing the terrible menace involved. The desolated towns and farms of France are a monument to the old census admonitions and the awful sacrifice of young French manhood is far more dreadful than the devastation. Often have the public men of France sounded an alarm on the defective birth rate. It is much discussed now by thoughtful French legislators and writers. A census always demands intelligent study.

The United States grows by immigration as well as births, and our school system tends to Americanize the whole body of citizens. Our schools are a great melting pot for Americans of the future and to increase their proportionate number.

The welfare of children is a great national issue. The birth rate and death rate need continuous attention.

ALL WANT TO LIVE IN PARIS

So Many Foreigners Are There That the Frenchman Is Being Crowded.

The New York Evening Post's Paris correspondent says that in an article in Excelsior a French writer contends that while Paris before the war was the meeting place of all nationalities, it has now become their permanent abode, so that the Parisians are crowded out into the suburbs or unable to find an apartment in the city.

The writer says that if you take a census of the average apartment you will find that it contains "Belgians who left when the Germans came; Russians driven out by bolshevism; French families from the devastated regions who seem to like it where they are; American students with their omnipotent dollars; Englishmen trying to do business and representatives of the Balkan states; Poland, Turkey and other distressed and unsettled regions who are living on the Lord only knows what. Paris is proud of her cosmopolitanism, but is finding it inconvenient when the peoples of the world show so little inclination to move."

Cardinal's Hat Symbol of Office.

The peculiarity of the cardinal's hat is that it is not to be worn. On one occasion only is it to be seen on the head of the cardinal, and that is when the pope himself places it there as a symbol of its owner's elevation to the Sacred college. When the cardinal dies it is placed in his coffin. The hat is of a deeper red than that of the robe worn by the cardinal. It has long heavy silken cords each with 15 tassels at the end, hanging on either side. The crimson robes which, like the hat, denote the cardinal's office, are made of cloth which for several generations past has been supplied by a firm of cloth merchants at Burscheid, near Aix-la-Chapelle. The process by which the dye is distilled is a jealously guarded secret.

Trade With Australia Grows.

Trading between this country and Australia is showing a healthy growth, according to figures supplied to the department of commerce by A. W. Fern, trade commissioner, who is at Melbourne. They cover imports and exports for the first quarter of the current year, and show the imports during that period to have been about \$27,775,000, against exports to this country of approximately \$16,350,000. February exports nearly equaled in value the totals for January and March, and in that month the outgoing shipments exceeded the imports. In the same month, however, the value of the imports was less than half of the goods brought in during March.

Making It Homelike.

On Dolly's birthday she was presented with a baby bulldog, and her delight was delicious to behold.

It was very young, and she insisted upon taking it to bed with her, but the next morning she was looking very tired.

"Haven't you slept well, darling?" asked her mother.

"No, mummy," said Dolly. "Nelson was crying in the night for his mummy, so I kept awake with him for company, and I made awful faces all night to make him think I was his bulldog mummy to comfort him!"—Answers, London.

Aerial Taxicabs in Canada.

Seventeen aerial taxicab companies are being formed in western Canada, and a number of these already have been licensed by the air board. Four commercial flying companies have been formed at Winnipeg, and there are companies at Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Hanna (Alberta), Calgary, Lethbridge, Banff and in Vancouver. Aerodromes are to be built at Virden and Vancouver. Passenger flying is the first object of these companies, and mail carrying and distribution for large shops are expected to follow.

Pocket Thief Alarm.
A thief alarm invented in Europe is small enough to be carried in a vest pocket and explodes a cartridge when any object under which it is laid is moved.

Yeth, indeed it lth.
Said the facetious fellow: "It's pretty hard to convince a mere man that his wife isn't a thing to wear when he has to wait two hours before theater time for her to put it on."

MONEY

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